

**Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Constitution Hills, Quezon City**

**Sixteenth Congress
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HOUSE BILL NO. **4729**



Introduced by Representative Catherine Barcelona-Reyes, M.D.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Philippines is a country of 7,107 islands, each of which contains its own wonders which may be showcased to the rest of the world. The State acknowledges the value of tourism in developing a self-reliant and independent national economy effectively controlled by Filipinos and must take steps in order to promote the beauty of this country and at the same time sustain it for future generations.

Among the many wonders this country brings are the famed zigzag roads along the Maharlika Highway within the province of Camarines Norte. These roads, which snake in a zigzag pattern consisting of road curves and tightly hair-pinned turns offer an exquisite mountain driving experience, giving a majestic view of the scenic environment and of the other tourist destinations in the province. To promote the tourism industry, this Act seeks to declare Camarines Norte as the "Zigzag Capital of the Philippines", recognizing the unique beauty that this province offers.

The immediate passage of this measure is earnestly sought.


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**AN ACT
DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF CAMARINES NORTE AS THE
ZIGZAG CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES**

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. Short title. This Act shall be known as the “Camarines Norte as the Zigzag Capital Act.”

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. The State recognizes the value of tourism in developing a self-reliant and independent national economy effectively controlled by Filipinos.

Section 3. Zigzag Capital of the Philippines. Pursuant to the State’s interest in promoting tourism within the country, the Province of Camarines Norte is hereby declared as and shall be called the “Zigzag Capital of the Philippines.”

Section 4. Separability Clause. If any clause, provision, paragraph, or part thereof shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, invalidate, or impair any other part thereof but such judgment shall merely be confined to

such clause, provision, paragraph or part directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment has been rendered.

Section 5. Repealing Clause. All other laws, decrees, executive orders and other administrative issuances and parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby modified, superseded, or repealed accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a major daily newspaper of national circulation in the Philippines.

Approved.